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The art of progress is to preserve order amid change, and to preserve change amid order. Life refuses to be embalmed alive.
-- Alfred North Whitehead

As the dust from the 56th legislative session began to settle following adjournment *sine die* on April 21, we at the Legislative Services Division shook off our 87-day-old "session cocoons", looked around, and found ourselves in a brand new world. Our physical surroundings had changed dramatically from a stately, albeit crumbling, Capitol to a sterile federal office building as Capitol renovation and demolition of the interior began in earnest. For much of the staff, however, the significant change has come not from a different view or different parking lot, but from a single piece of legislation, signed into law by Governor Racicot on February 17, 1999.

Senate Bill No. 11 (SB 11), conceived and drafted by staff and endorsed by the Legislative Council, was a far-reaching bill that transformed the legislative interim committee structure and process. SB 11 established six permanent interim committees and repealed some long-standing statutory committees such as the Revenue Oversight Committee and the Administrative Code Committee.

In sessions past, many study bills and resolutions warranted the establishment of temporary study committees. Last interim, there were 19 interim committees, all requiring legislators and staff. Needless to say, people were being stretched pretty thin. A primary goal of SB 11 was to check the proliferation of interim study committees by establishing permanent interim committees to which studies would be assigned by the Legislative Council. The numerous changes to the interim process implemented by SB 11 are reflected in this directory.

Another new feature of the directory is legislator e-mail addresses as they have been made available to us. Please use them judiciously and respect those that are noted for interim use only.

Finally, the Legislative Services Division has made great strides in the Internet arena since the 1997-1998 interim. The data contained in this directory is only a small part of the information to be made available on the Division's Internet web site this interim. For each of the committees staffed by the Legislative Services Division, a user will have access to committee bill drafts, the committee's interim calendar, meeting minutes, correspondence, agendas, administrative rule review information, and study plans and staff reports. By the fall of 1999, you will be able to direct your web browser to
<http://state.mt.us/leg/branch/int_comm_1999-2000b.htm> to gain electronic access to nearly all of the documents committees and committee staff generate.

We trust that you will find the information in these pages useful and hope that the level of service we provide only improves as we navigate the sea of changes in which we find ourselves in this, the last interim of the 20th Century.

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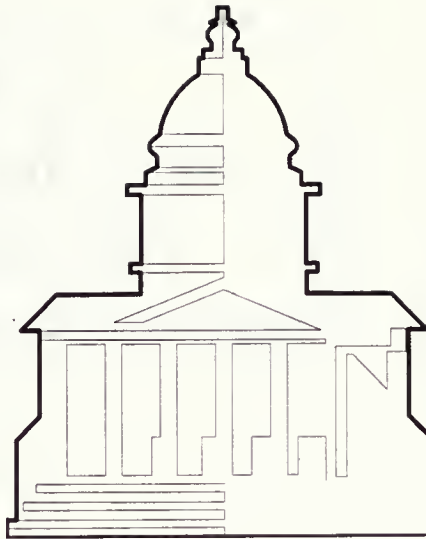
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The Legislative Council is composed of six Senators and six Representatives, including the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and both minority leaders. The other eight members are selected by the Committee on Committees and the Speaker of the House,

respectively.

The Legislative Council generally oversees the activities of the Legislative Services Division (LSD) and supervises publication of Montana's statutes by a Code Commissioner assigned to the LSD staff. The Montana Code Annotated (MCA), as recodified and published by the Code Commissioner, was adopted as *prima facie* the law of Montana by Chapter 1, Laws of 1979. If a problem needing immediate attention arises during the interim, the Legislative Council may assign study of the problem to an appropriate committee. Chapter 1, Laws of 1987, allows the Council to assign such a study to either a joint interim subcommittee or an appropriate statutory committee.

Chapter 545, Laws of 1995, requires the Council to review and adopt personnel and administrative policies for the Legislative Branch and assign responsibility for administration of those policies. Adopted policies must be concurred in by the Legislative Finance and Audit Committees.

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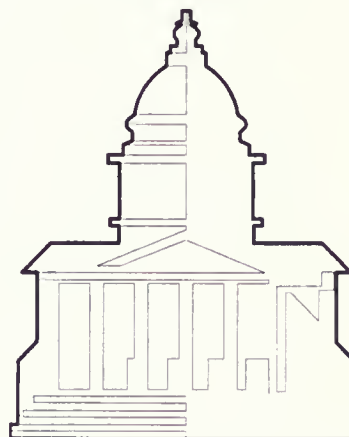
The LSD staff also provides information to the public on legislative matters.

The LSD is divided into five offices: The Central Services Office, the Office of Research and Policy Analysis, the Legal Services Office, the Office of Legislative Information Technology, and the Environmental Policy Office. The functions of the Legislative Environmental Policy Office will be discussed under the Environmental Quality Council heading.

The Central Services Office includes staff responsible for purchasing, publication distribution, payroll and personnel matters, secretarial support, final preparation of LSD documents (including engrossing and enrolling of bills and preparation of introduced bills), legislative printing and distribution, and legislator information and telecommunications.

The Office of Research and Policy Analysis and the Legal Services Office both perform general and specialized research, reference, and information functions. During legislative sessions and in the interim, personnel from both offices provide professional staff support to session and interim committees, draft legislation, prepare research reports, and provide information on the legislature to the public.

The Office of Research and Policy Analysis has primary responsibility for staffing interim committees, providing reference services, and staffing a library that provides access to items of special interest to legislators and Legislative Branch staff, while the Legal Services Office is responsible for updating, editing, and indexing the Montana Code Annotated



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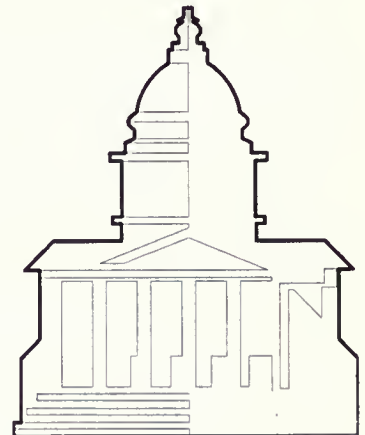
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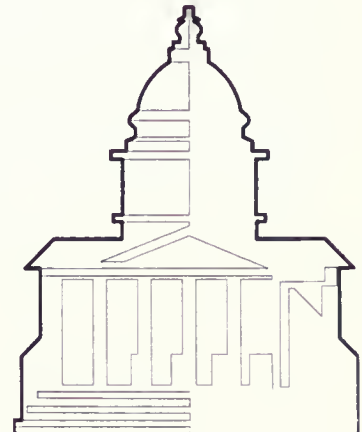
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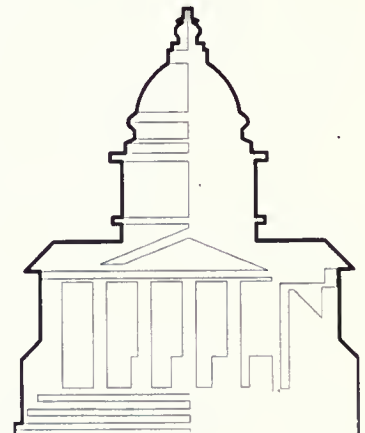
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chapter 13,
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respectively, serve as the Legislative Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee appoints the Legislative Auditor who heads the Audit Division (LAD). In general, LAD staff monitor the efficiency and effectiveness of state agencies and audit agencies' financial affairs. The LAD also conducts electronic data processing audits to determine the effectiveness of the state's computer resources.

Specifically, an audit of a state agency is conducted to determine whether: the agency is efficiently carrying out the activities and programs authorized by the Legislature; the agency is properly managing expenditures, using funds only in the furtherance of authorized activities and in accordance with the requirements of applicable laws and regulations; the agency is properly accounting for all revenues and receipts arising from its activities; the agency is adequately safeguarding and controlling its assets and using them efficiently; and the agency is accurately reporting and fully disclosing its financial status and the scope of its activities and operations to the Governor, the Legislature, and central control agencies.

Chapter 20, Special Laws of November 1993, created a toll-free hotline to the LAD which Montana residents may use in reporting fraud, waste, and abuse in state government.

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LFD staff provide research and fiscal analysis support to interim committees that address state agency funding or budgeting.

The LFC oversees the activities of the Fiscal Analyst and LFD staff and consists of four members of the Senate Finance and Claims Committee appointed by that committee's chairman, two members of the Senate appointed at large by the Committee on Committees, four members of the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee appointed by that committee's chairman, and two members of the House appointed at large by the Speaker.

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Environmental Quality Council and Legislative Environmental Policy Office

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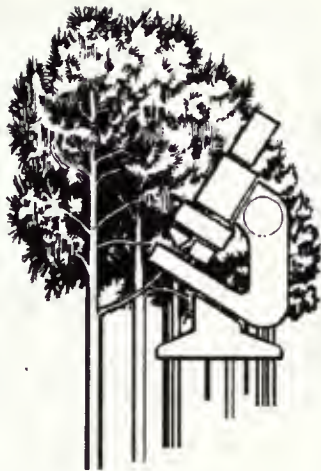
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Legislative participation in the Environmental Quality Council (EQC) consists of six Senators and six Representatives. There are also four members of the public and one representative of the Governor, who serves as a nonvoting member. The Council appoints a Legislative Environmental Analyst who heads the Legislative

Environmental Policy Office (LEPO). LEPO is under the general administration of the Legislative Services Division and provides staff support to EQC.

In general, the EQC reviews and appraises state programs and activities related to the environment to ensure compliance with the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA), located in Title 75, chapter 1, MCA. The EQC is also statutorily responsible for oversight of the state's natural resource management agencies to assist in and ensure their compliance with MEPA and other natural resource and environmental laws.

The EQC functions in a bipartisan manner and seeks to build consensus among its membership prior to making policy recommendations to the Legislature.

The LEPO staff provides impartial, nonpolitical environmental and natural resource information to the EQC, the Legislature and the public. Staff duties include researching and writing reports, organizing and monitoring public meetings and hearings, drafting proposed legislation, and conducting studies assigned by the Legislature. Before and during the legislative session, LEPO staff members draft natural resource-related legislation and serve as committee researchers to the House and Senate Natural Resources Committees.

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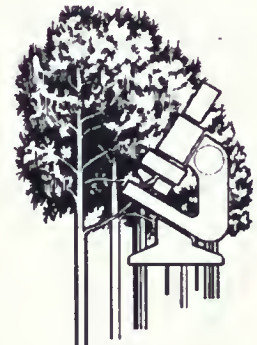
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In addition to the specific studies assigned it by the legislature, the Council is statutorily responsible for a number of oversight and study issues. These include: implementation of the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) and oversight of state agency compliance with MEPA; maintenance of accurate environmental indicator data; suggestion of legislation to remedy problems in agency compliance with MEPA; water policy legislative oversight, including groundwater and stream access issues; enforcement and compliance follow-up, specifically overseeing and reviewing state agency environmental and natural resource enforcement policies, use and balance of enforcement tools, record keeping, prevention programs and risk of violation, staffing, and primacy issues; energy development and conservation oversight.

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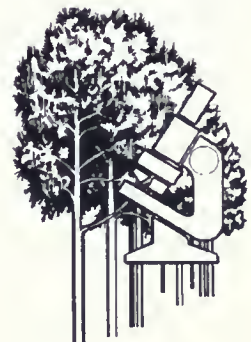
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5-5-223, MCA provides:

The Business and Labor interim committee has administrative rule review, program evaluation, and monitoring functions for the following executive branch agencies and the entities attached to agencies for administrative purposes:

- (1) Department of Agriculture;
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- (3) Department of Labor and Industry;
- (4) Department of Livestock;
- (5) Department of Public Service Regulation; and
- (6) Office of the State Auditor and Insurance Commissioner.

Membership

Not less than half of the members must have served on the following session standing committees:

House

Business and Labor
Agriculture
Appropriations

Senate

Business and Industry
Labor and Employment Relations
Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation
Finance and Claims

Assigned Studies

HB 515: Government Competition With Private Vendors

SJR 15: Claims, Rates, and Benefits in Workers' Compensation

SJR 21: Incentives to Preserve Agricultural Land

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5-5-225, MCA provides:

The Children, Families,
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Services and the entities
attached to the
department for
administrative purposes.

Membership

Not less than half of the members must have served on
the following session standing committees:

House

Human Services
Appropriations

Senate

Public Health, Welfare, and Safety
Finance and Claims.

Assigned Studies

No studies have been assigned to this committee, but
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5-5-224, MCA provides:

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- (1) State Board of Education;
- (2) Board of Public Education;
- (3) Board of Regents of Higher Education; and
- (4) Office of Public Instruction.

The committee shall:

- (1) provide information to the Board of Regents in the following areas:
 - (a) annual budget allocations;
 - (b) annual goal statement development;
 - (c) long-range planning;
 - (d) outcome assessment programs; and
 - (e) any other area that the committee considers to have significant educational or fiscal policy impact.
- (2) periodically review the success or failure of the university system in meeting its annual goals and long-range plans;
- (3) periodically review the results of outcome assessment programs;
- (4) develop mechanisms to ensure strict accountability of the revenues and expenditures of the university system;
- (5) study and report to the legislature on the advisability of adjustments to the mechanisms used to determine funding for the university system, including criteria for determining appropriate levels of funding;
- (6) act as a liaison between both the legislative and executive branches and the Board of Regents; and
- (7) encourage cooperation between the legislative and executive branches and the Board of Regents.

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House

Education

Appropriations

Senate

Education and Cultural Resources

Finance and Claims

Assigned Studies

HJR 29: Laws Governing Cities, Counties, and
Local Governments

SJR 16: Funding and Administration of Higher
Education

HJR 38: Juvenile Probation Officers' Salaries

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5-5-226, MCA provides:

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shall act as a liaison and forum for state and tribal relations.

Membership

Not less than half of the members must have served on the following session standing committees:

House

Judiciary

Appropriations

Senate

Judiciary

Finance and Claims.

Assigned Studies

SJR 14: Criminal Sentencing Statutes and Data

HJR 37: Women's Prison Issues

HJR 12: Proposed State Commission on Indian Affairs

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5-5-227, MCA provides:

The Revenue and Taxation interim committee has administrative rule review, program evaluation, and monitoring functions for the Department of Revenue and the Department of Transportation and the entities attached to the departments for administrative purposes.

5-18-107, MCA provides:

The Revenue and Taxation interim committee must have prepared by December 1 for introduction during each regular session of the legislature in which a revenue bill is under consideration an estimate of the amount of revenue projected to be available for legislative appropriation.

Other sections outlining duties of the Revenue and Taxation Committee (formerly duties of the Revenue Oversight Committee)

5-12-302, MCA
15-1-230, MCA
15-70-234, MCA
17-7-140, MCA
69-3-1409, MCA
72-16-447, MCA
72-16-448, MCA
72-16-450, MCA

Membership

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Taxation
Transportation
Appropriations

Senate

Taxation
Highways and Transportation
Finance and Claims

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Assigned Studies

SB 390: 1997 Electric Utility Restructuring

SB 396: Natural Gas Utility Restructuring

SB 454: State Payments in Lieu of Taxes to Local Governments

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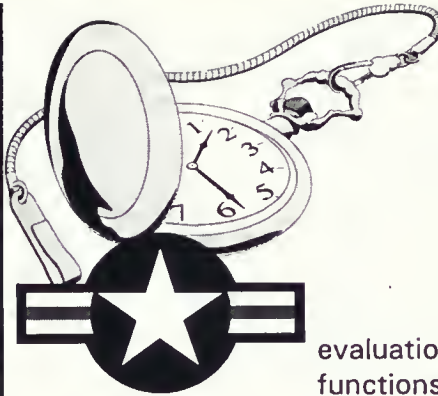
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- (2) Department of Military Affairs; and
- (3) Office of the Secretary of State.

Membership

Not less than half of the members must have served on
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House

Local Government
State Administration
Appropriations

Senate

Local Government
State Administration
Finance and Claims

Assigned Studies

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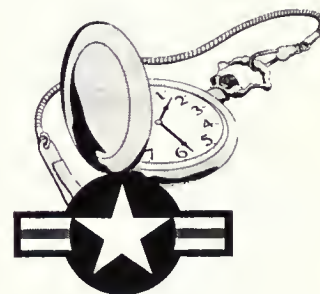
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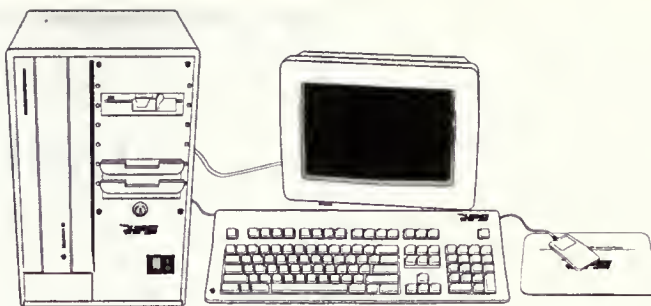
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Statutory Citation: Sections 5-11-402 through 5-11-405, MCA

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The Council is responsible for reviewing and maintaining the Legislative Branch computer system plan, investigating new applications, designing methods for automation, developing system standards and identifying the needs of the Branch's computer system, and coordinating new applications with the statutory goals of the Legislative Branch.

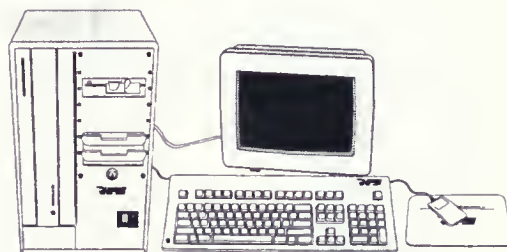
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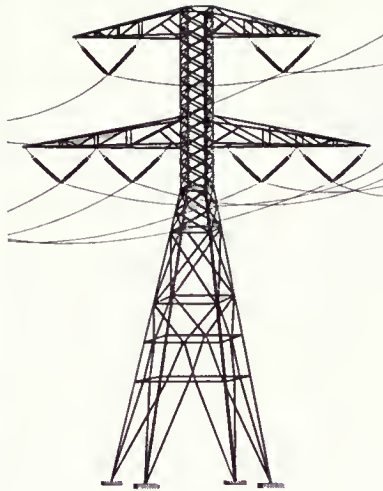
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Senate Bill 390, deregulating Montana's electric utility industry, established a Transition Advisory Committee (TAC) composed of eight legislative members. The Speaker appoints four Representatives and the President of the Senate appoints four Senators to

serve on the Committee. The legislators are the only voting members of the 18-member Committee. The other members, appointed by the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality, the Legislative Consumer Committee, the Public Service Commission, the Montana Electrical Cooperatives Association, and the Governor, serve as nonvoting participants.

The TAC is required to meet at least quarterly, but will likely meet more often during the interim to analyze the transition to effective competition in the competitive electricity supply market. The Committee must provide to the Governor and legislative leadership an annual report on the status of restructuring, and submit to the members of the Legislature quarterly interim summary reports.

The TAC is scheduled to dissolve on either the date that full transition to retail competition is completed or on December 31, 2004, whichever is earlier.

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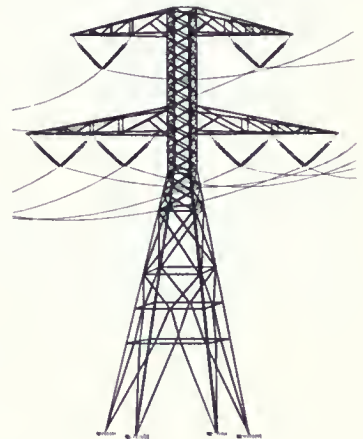
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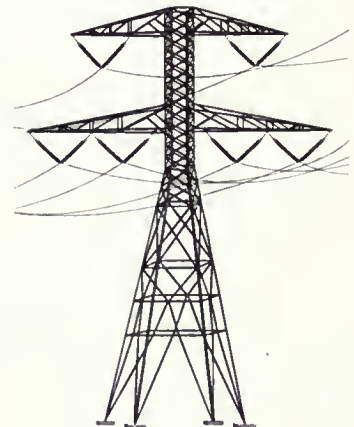
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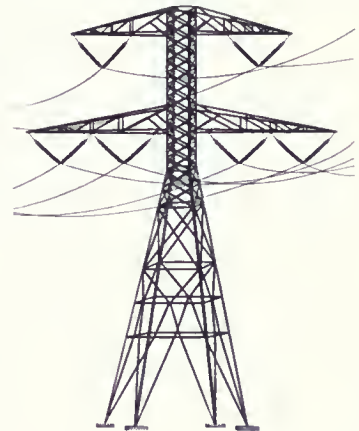
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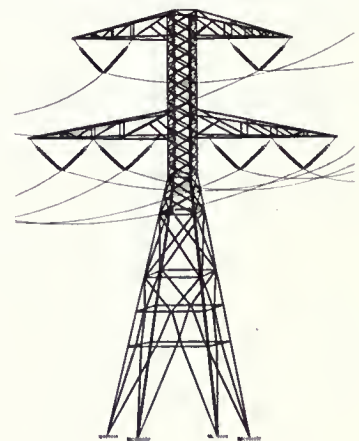
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Constitution;
5-1-101
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111, MCA*

The Montana Constitution and Montana Code Annotated provide that a Districting and Apportionment Commission be appointed in the legislative session preceding each federal population census. Four members must be appointed by legislative leadership and those appointees must select the fifth member who is also the presiding officer. The Constitution directs the Commission to "prepare a plan for redistricting and reapportioning the state into legislative districts and a plan for redistricting the state into congressional districts."

The Commission has specific deadlines for filing final plans for congressional and legislative districts once 2000 census figures are released during the first few months of 2001. Prior to receiving census data and once the Commission's fifth member is chosen by the Supreme Court, the group will meet to make decisions on data and methodology and to adopt a timetable for preparing and submitting the redistricting plans.

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Title 5, chapter 15, MCA*

The Legislative Consumer Committee appoints the Consumer Counsel, a position required by the Montana Constitution. The Consumer Counsel

represents Montana public utility and transportation consumers before the Public Service Commission, state and federal courts, and administrative agencies in matters concerning public utility regulation.

The Committee is required to meet at least quarterly, and generally convenes eight to 10 times per year. Meetings involve approval of Consumer Counsel staff activities, review and status updates of current cases, and review of contracts with expert witnesses. Two Senators and two Representatives, appointed by the Committee on Committees and the Speaker of the House, respectively, serve on the panel.

Restructuring of the electric and natural gas utility industries will be an issue of particular interest to the Committee, especially as rates are affected, and members will be monitoring the progress of the deregulation.

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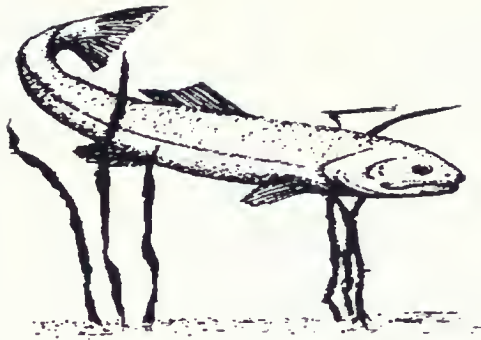
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Section 87-
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The Speaker of the House and the Senate Committee on Committees each choose one member to serve on the Panel. Eight other members, representing agricultural and recreational interests, are appointed by the Governor. The Panel is required to meet at least once every six months.

Some of the Governor's appointees to the Review Panel will change during the 1999-2000 interim. Listed is the membership as of July 1999.

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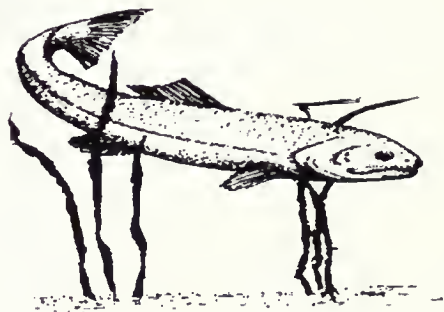
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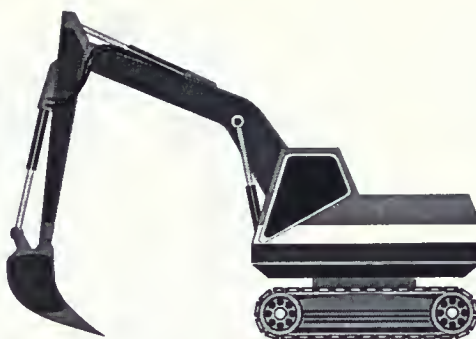
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Citation: Chapter
354, Laws of 1993*

The Legislative
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of two Senators and two Representatives, appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively.

This Committee is required to meet quarterly to be briefed on the progress of the litigation and negotiations between the State of Montana and Atlantic-Richfield Corporation regarding natural resource damage in the Clark Fork River Basin. The Committee is also required to consider plans for the appropriate use of any money received by the state as a result of the litigation.

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Statutory Citation: Section 2-15-212, MCA

The Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission adjudicates existing water rights under Montana water use statutes and negotiates water rights with the federal government and Montana's Indian tribes. In negotiations,

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The Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate each select two members from their respective bodies who join five other members appointed by the Governor and the Attorney General.

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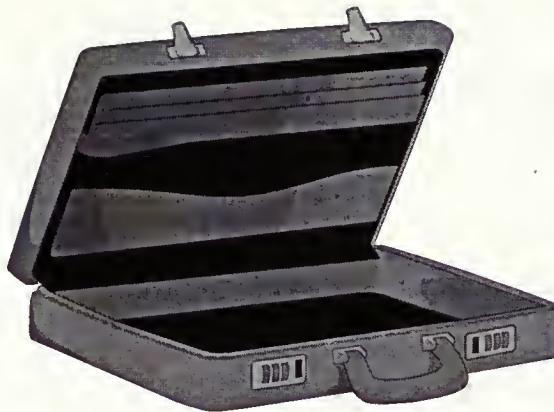
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Section 17-6-
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The 13
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maintenance of the Microbusiness Development and
Finance Program.

The program is responsible for oversight of
microbusiness development corporations, which are
defined as nonprofit corporations organized and existing
under the laws of the state to provide training, technical
assistance, and access to capital for the startup or
expansion of qualified microbusinesses. A qualified
microbusiness is one that produces goods or provides
services and has fewer than 10 full-time equivalent
employees and annual gross revenues of less than
\$500,000.

Two Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the
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Committees serve as nonvoting participants in the
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Chapter 517, Laws of
1997*

House Bill 298, passed by the 1997 Legislature and signed by the Governor, extends to 2001 the termination date of the Health Care Advisory Council. Two Senators and two Representatives, appointed by the President of the Senate

and the Speaker of the House, respectively, join on the Council six members appointed by the Governor.

The Council studies and reviews problems in the health care arena and investigates ways to reduce costs in services and health care delivery systems, while promoting access and affordability.

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Chapter 469, Laws of
1997*

In addition to providing for numerous long-range building projects, House Bill 5 (1997) made possible the state's purchase and administration of Virginia and Nevada Cities and other historically significant

state properties. To this end, House Bill 5 established the Heritage Preservation and Development Commission. The Commission is composed of one Senator, one member of the House of Representatives, and seven members of the public with backgrounds in tourism, history and historic preservation, community planning, and business. Directors of the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks and the Historical Society, as well as the Governor's Economic Development Policy Advisor, also serve on the Commission.

Although the Commission is charged with overseeing the acquisition of culturally and historically significant properties throughout the state, its first order of business is to manage the administration of Virginia City and Nevada City.

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Statutory Citation:
75-6-231, MCA

As provided in 75-6-203, MCA, the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund program is a "program under which the state may provide financial

assistance to community water systems and nonprofit noncommunity water systems." The program is administered by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

The revolving fund is a separate account in the state treasury from which loans can be made, debt obligations and insurance can be purchased, and other assistance can be provided to improve water systems.

Each year, DEQ must prepare an intended use plan for the fund, which must include descriptions of the projects that program funds will assist and the amount and type of funds to be allocated. This plan is subject to public comment and review by the Drinking Water State Fund Loan Program Advisory Committee. The committee is made up of one legislator from each the House Appropriations Natural Resources Subcommittee and the Senate Finance and Claims Natural Resources Subcommittee, a member of the Montana League of Cities and Towns, a member of the Montana Association of Counties, a member from the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, and a member from the Department of Environmental Quality.

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*Session Law Citation:
section 168, Chapter 584,
Laws of 1999*

The Local Government Funding and Structure Committee was created, along with the Court Funding and Structure Committee, by Senate Bill No. 184 during the 1999 Session. The committees' enabling language states that the "purpose of the committees is to conduct a study of funding local government, including the courts, to ascertain the best method of allocating current

and future resources, while providing a complementary funding relationship between local government and state government...The study must explore regional concepts, as well as further lifting of local government revenue restrictions and de-earmarking of revenue to local governments."

The two committees are required to coordinate their work and meet together at least once every 6 months. The committees' final report must include recommendations and bill drafts necessary to streamline local government functions as well as provide a complementary funding structure between state and local governments.

The Department of Administration is responsible for staffing both committees. The Department may, however, "request assistance from or the use of the resources of the legislative, judicial, and executive branch agencies to accomplish their studies."

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Section 2-15-
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Federal Law Citation:
29 USC 2821

Congress' passage of the Workforce Investment Act in August 1998 resulted in a transformation of job training and employment services, effectively replacing the Job Training Partnership Act system. The purpose of

the Act, as provided in 29 USC 2821, is to "provide workforce investment activities, through statewide and local workforce investment systems, that increase the employment, retention, and earnings of participants, and increase occupational skill attainment by participants, and, as a result, improve the quality of the workforce, reduce welfare dependency, and enhance the productivity and competitiveness of the Nation." the Act further states that the "Governor of a State shall establish a State workforce investment board to assist in the development of the state plan" and to carry out other functions.

Each state board must include the Governor, members of the legislature, and gubernatorial appointees who are business owners, business executives, elected officials, representatives of labor organizations, individuals with experience in youth activities, state agency officials, and any other appropriate representatives, as determined by the Governor.

INTERSTATE ORGANIZATIONS

The Council of State Governments (CSG)



*Statutory Citation: Title
5, chapter 11, part 3,
MCA*

Section 5-11-301, MCA,
designates the
Legislative Council as
the Montana

Commission on Interstate and International Cooperation and, as such, as a member of the Council of State Governments (CSG), an organization of all the states and territories of the United States. The primary mission of CSG is to promote and strengthen state government in the federal system by providing staff services to organizations of state officials. Montana is a member of the Western Legislative Conference of CSG, which represents the governing bodies of 13 western states. The purpose of the Conference is to foster and encourage intergovernmental cooperation in the West through joint consideration of common problems. The basic work of the Conference is accomplished through study committees.

The 56th Legislature, following the actions of the 1991, 1993, 1995, and 1997 Legislatures, did not appropriate any funding for Montana's active participation in CSG during the next biennium.

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Statutory Citation: Section 5-11-301, MCA

The purpose of NCSL is to improve the quality and effectiveness of state legislatures, to ensure the states a strong voice in federal decisionmaking, and to foster interstate communication and cooperation.

Section 5-11-301, MCA, states that it is a function of the Legislative Council to "carry forward the participation of the state of Montana as a member of the Council of State Governments and the National Conference of State Legislatures" within the limits of appropriations.

The Legislative Council appoints legislators to two-year terms as delegates and alternates to NCSL committees. An appropriation in House Bill 2 pays the dues for Montana's membership in NCSL for the current biennium. The appropriation does not, however, provide funds for legislator or staff participation in NCSL meetings or seminars.

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The Committees of the Assembly on Federal Issues (AFI) are Agriculture & International Trade; Commerce & Communications; Education, Labor & Job Training; Energy & Transportation; Environment; Federal Budget & Taxation; Health; Human Services; and Law & Justice.

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